

Today's Weather		
	Overnight	Daytime
	Low	High
Amman	18	33
Aqaba	23	39
Deserts	19	35
Jordan Valley	21	48

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 35, Aqaba 39. Sunset tonight: 6:38 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:30 a.m.

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## Syrians plan to test civil defence today; first time since '73

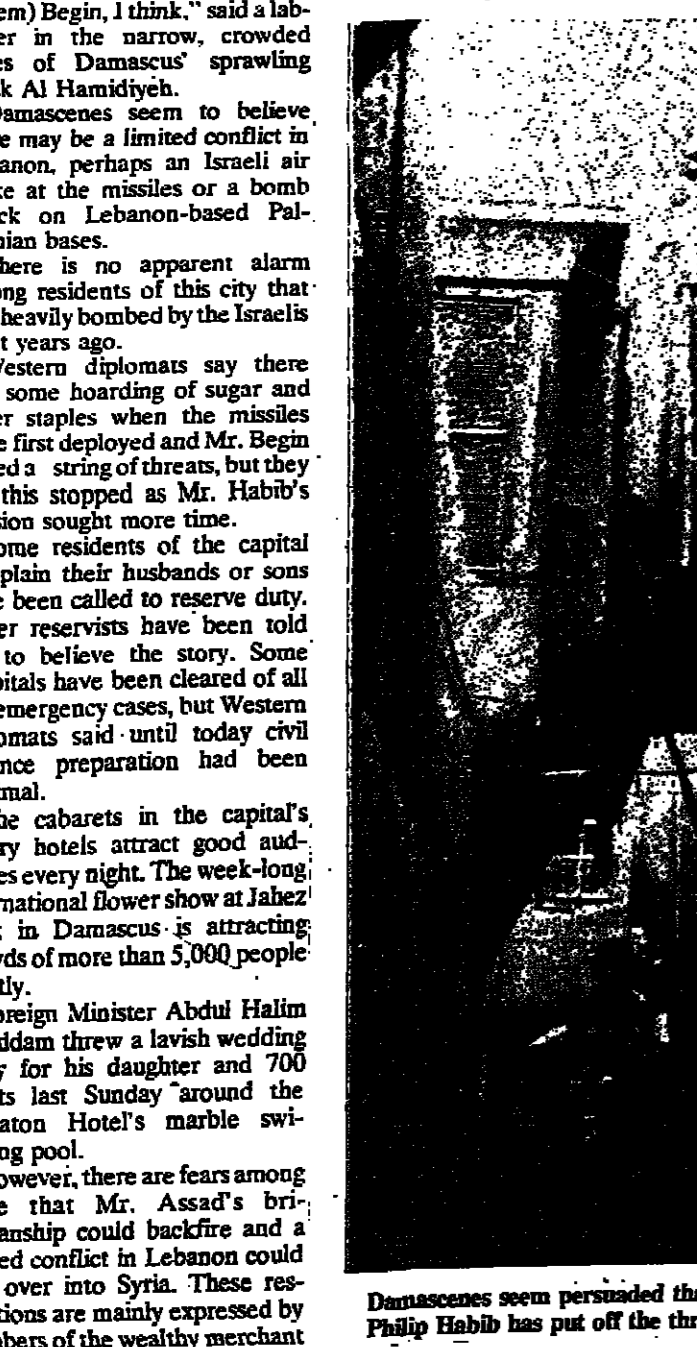
AMMASCUS, May 30 (R) — Syria has announced it will hold a civil defence exercise tomorrow, the first since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

A decree issued today by Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Al Kasm's office instructed all civil defence personnel to report to their posts on warning sirens sound. It called on everyone to abide by civil defence regulations, which require people to clear the streets and take refuge in shelters. All public transport must halt. Dr. Kasm said today Syria was capable of beating back any attack. "Syria faces challenges with counter-challenges, intervention with confrontation and threats with mobilisation," he said at a celebration marking Police Forces' Day. "Syria is a united country and no matter how much the Arabs ferred among themselves they stand together when it comes to defend. Syria is also backed by friendly countries and socialist states aided by the Soviet Union, Syria's and the Arabs' friend," the time minister added. "Zionist threats, escalation of events in Lebanon and clouds gathering on the horizon because of military and political provocations: a manoeuvre which may precede an aggression," Dr. Kasm said. "But we have never been no confident of our capability to beat back and crush such an aggression as we are now." Fears of a confrontation between Israel and Syria grew after Israel or down two Syrian helicopters in Lebanon last month. Syria responded by installing anti-aircraft missiles in the area. Dr. Kasm described the missile crisis as artificial and said it had been created after Syria embarked on moves to bring about national reconciliation in Lebanon. Israel aimed to undermine these efforts, he added. State-run Damascus Radio today continued to attack the United States, describing its policy as anti-Arab and hostile to peace in the region.

## Mood calm in Damascus as clouds of war gather

AMMASCUS, May 30 (A.P.) — Despite the threat of war with Israel, there is no panic on the home front in this ancient capital and no signs of preparation for war along Syria's southern and eastern fronts.

With minor exceptions, life has continued normally here since the tanks deployed surface-to-air missiles in neighbouring Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, after Israel shot down two Syrian helicopters. The Syrian media have trusted the threat of war, but the in the street, his radio tuned foreign broadcasts as well as Damascus Radio, seems to believe presidential envoy Philip Habib has averted full-scale war. We didn't want war, and I think there will be a war like 1973, not with Mr. Habib and the Israelis trying to stop it. President (Hafez Al) Assad is very clear about diplomacy—more than (Israeli Premier Menachem) Begin, I think," said a laborer in the narrow, crowded streets of Damascus' sprawling Al Hamidiyah. Damascus seems to believe there may be a limited conflict in Lebanon, perhaps an Israeli air strike at the missiles or a bomb attack on Lebanon-based Palestinian bases. There is no apparent alarm among residents of this city that heavily bombed by the Israelis years ago. Western diplomats say there is some hoarding of sugar and other staples when the missiles are first deployed and Mr. Begin issued a string of threats, but they stopped as Mr. Habib's mission sought more time. Some residents of the capital complain their husbands or sons have been called to reserve duty. Other reservists have been told to believe the story. Some hospitals have been cleared of all emergency cases, but Western diplomats said until today civil defence preparation had been minimal. The cabarets in the capital's fancy hotels attract good audiences every night. The week-long international flower show at Jahez Park in Damascus is attracting crowds of more than 5,000 people daily. Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam threw a lavish wedding party for his daughter and 700 guests last Sunday around the atrium of the Hotel's marble swimming pool. However, there are fears among some that Mr. Assad's friendship with the United States could lead into Syria. These reservations are mainly expressed by members of the wealthy merchant



Damascenes seem persuaded that the mission of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has put off the threat of war—at least for now.

## Judo tournament action



Jordan's first official judo tournament was held Saturday. Story on page 8

## Rites here mark Isra holiday

AMMAN, May 30 (Perra) — A religious ceremony was held at the Grand Hussein Mosque in Amman today on the occasion of Al Isra Wal Miraj, commemorating the Prophet Muhammad's nocturnal journey to heaven. Speakers outlined in their speeches the meaning of this religious occasion and also the Muslims' duty to liberate Jerusalem, which is now under the yoke of occupation and exposed to arbitrary

measures aimed at evicting its Arab inhabitants and changing the Holy City's character. The ceremony was attended by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Affairs Kamel Al Sharif and a large congregation. The day was a public holiday in Jordan and all government offices were closed.



King Hussein mourns slain leader

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable to acting Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar expressing his sympathy and that of the Jordanian government and people on the death of Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman. "The assassination is a criminal act committed against a courageous Muslim leader," King Hussein's cable said. (See story on page 8)

## Arab talks on missile crisis delayed

KUWAIT, May 30 (R) — An Arab ministerial committee meeting in Saudi Arabia tomorrow to tackle the Syrian missile crisis in Lebanon has been deferred because of a dispute over the venue, official sources said today. Discussions were continuing to resolve the issue, but the committee, comprising the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Lebanon was unlikely to convene before June 6, the sources said. They said Lebanese President Elias Sarkis was insisting that the Arab League-sponsored committee meet in Lebanon. But Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which have been active behind the scenes to defuse the crisis, preferred Riyadh as the venue. The date and venue of the meeting had been fixed by an emergency meeting of the league in Tunis nine days ago, the source said. They said the four countries were expected to discuss the venue problem next week when their foreign ministers gather in Baghdad for the Islamic foreign ministers conference starting on Monday. The U.S. ambassador in Kuwait, Mr. Francois Dickman, told reporters after meeting Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah today that his discussions covered the Lebanese situation and the work of the ministerial committee. He did not elaborate.

## Royal visit to Barcelona brings tighter security

BARCELONA, May 30 (R) — Tight security was again in evidence here today, the second day of King Juan Carlos' visit for Spain's annual military celebrations. Uniformed and plainclothes police, on guard against possible urban guerrilla attacks, patrolled the streets. Sharpshooters watched from rooftops when the royal family visited the town hall and the headquarters of Catalonia's autonomous government in the ancient quarter. The king was making his first official visit to Catalonia since it elected an autonomous parliament and formed a home-rule government last year. Highly industrialised and traditionally pragmatic Catalonia has largely escaped the bloody nationalist violence which has hit the

## Ramadan optimistic after talks in Europe

BEIRUT, May 30 (R) — Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan flew home last night at the end of a five-day visit to West Germany and Yugoslavia. The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted him as saying his talks in Bonn and Belgrade were positive. Mr. Ramadan expressed the hope that the discussions would help develop bilateral relations in the interest of the two sides concerned. Informed sources said Mr. Ramadan's talks in Belgrade concerned possible Yugoslav arms sales to Iraq. Yugoslavia is one of the major producers and exporters to non-aligned countries of small arms, artillery, gunboats and ammunition. Mr. Ramadan told a news conference in West Germany two days ago that Iraq would like to buy arms from all countries pro-

## Israeli jets over Bekaa; Syrians hold their fire

SHTOURA, Lebanon, May 30 (Agencies) — Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier today over the Bekaa Valley where Syrian missile batteries are deployed in eastern Lebanon.

Syrian soldiers swivelled their Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles on their launchers but held their fire as the jets streaked high overhead, sending sonic booms echoing off the mountains flanking the Bekaa Valley. Four hours later two more jets that Syrian officers again identified as Israeli planes flew in from the Mediterranean over the snow-covered Sannin Mountains, circled the beleaguered city of Zahle and then peeled off back toward the Mediterranean. Once more, the Syrians held their fire. The flights today underscored Israel's determination to keep a close watch over the Syrian presence in Lebanon. Syria moved its SAM-6 missiles into the Bekaa a month ago after Israeli planes shot down two Syrian helicopters near Zahle, which the Syrians have been besieging since the beginning of April in a battle with the town's rightist Falangist Party militiamen. Zahle was quiet today after five hours of overnight shelling between rightist militiamen and Syrian forces, security sources in Zahle said. The sources, contacted by telephone from Beirut, said the shelling caused some damage, especially in the suburbs, but no casualties were reported. The largely Greek Catholic town of Zahle has been besieged for nearly nine weeks by the Syrians who are seeking the withdrawal of armed militiamen of the right-wing Christian Farange Party from the town. Artillery exchanges had subsided somewhat this month but still break out from time to time. Official sources said Lebanese Defence Minister Joseph Skaf, who comes from Zahle, managed to halt the latest flare-up after contacting the parties involved. The Syrians have adamantly refused to withdraw their missiles in the Bekaa, which so far have shot down only unmanned, slow-moving Israeli reconnaissance drones. Israel has sworn that it will not tolerate the presence of the missiles in Lebanon, but has not mounted any strikes on the batteries, which are positioned near Shtoura, the Syrians' command post in the Bekaa. The Israeli military command in Tel Aviv claimed to "know nothing" about any flights today over Lebanon. The flights came a day after U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with President Ronald Rea-

gan in Washington to discuss his shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East to avert an outright confrontation between Syria and Israel over the missiles. Mr. Habib told reporters later that he would return to the Middle East next week to continue working on a peaceful settlement to the crisis. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, however, said yesterday in St. Louis, Missouri that Mr. Habib's mission is still "somewhat of a long shot." But Mr. Haig also said chances of a peaceful settlement in Lebanon improve "with each passing day." He said Mr. Habib had "asked and received great assistance" from Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, the Libyan news agency JANA has reported four Libyan volunteers were killed and three were injured in Israeli air and sea attacks on the Lebanese coast south of Beirut two days ago. Israel has said its warplanes destroyed a Libyan-manned SAM-9 anti-aircraft missile site near the town of Damour last Thursday. But JANA's dispatch today, carried under a Beirut dateline, did not say the Libyans were manning missile batteries.

## Swiss beat English 2-1 in soccer

BASLE, Switzerland, May 30 (R) — Switzerland scored their first win over England for 34 years tonight, beating them 2-1 in a World Soccer Cup match. The victory was Switzerland's first in the European Group Four qualifying section and shattered England's hopes of qualifying for the finals in Spain next year. In the 27th minute Fredy Scheiwiler played a ball to Claudio Sulser, who curled a superb return over the static English defence for the delighted Scheiwiler to drive beyond Ray Clemence's reach. Before England had recovered Sulser made it 2-0, wriggling through the defence to push the ball beyond Clemence's outstretched hand. Second half substitute Terry McDermott raised England's hopes with a well-taken goal from Steve Coppell's pass in the 54th minute.

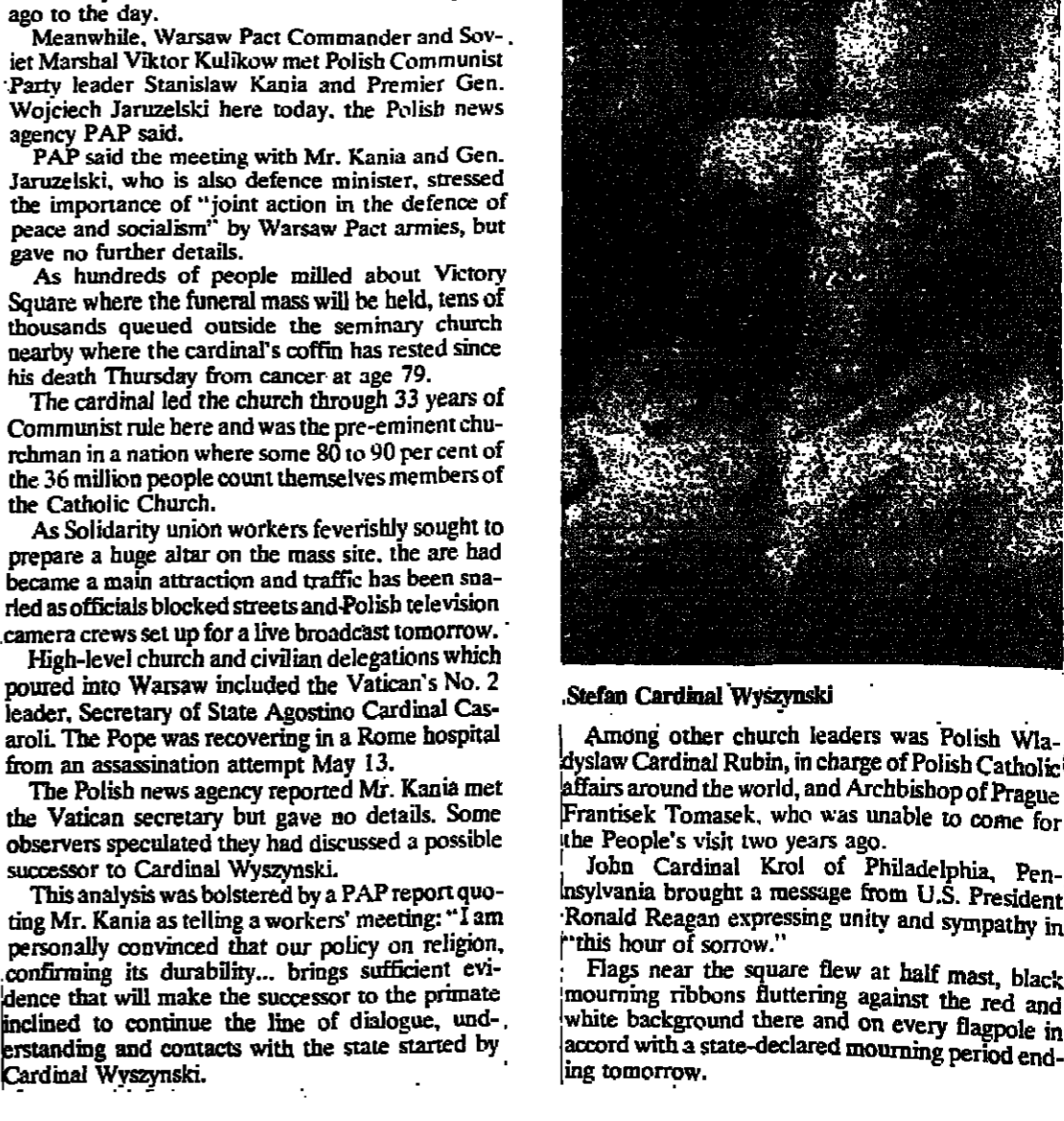
## Iraqis say they killed 749 today

BEIRUT, May 30 (R) — Iraqi forces said today they had killed 749 Iranians in the past 24 hours, one of the highest death tolls reported for one day's fighting in the Gulf war. A high command communique released by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said 680 of the Iranians were killed in a fierce battle in the Nowsud area on the northern battlefield. The communique added that "two big enemy naval targets" were knocked out in the north of the Gulf today while the air force carried out three attacks on concentrations of Iranian troops. It said 16 Iraqis were killed in fighting on all fronts. INA said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had spent several days on an inspection tour of the southern sector of the front during which he had "followed up one of the important battles waged by an Iraqi military unit deep in Iranian territory."

## 250,000 expected in Warsaw for aged cardinal's funeral

WARSAW, May 30 (A.P.) — Church and independent union sources expected the crowd at Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski's funeral mass tomorrow to equal the 250,000 who heard the Polish Pope John Paul II say mass on the same site almost two years ago to the day. Meanwhile, Warsaw Pact Commander and Soviet Marshal Viktor Kulikov met Polish Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania and Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski here today, the Polish news agency PAP said. PAP said the meeting with Mr. Kania and Gen. Jaruzelski, who is also defence minister, stressed the importance of "joint action in the defence of peace and socialism" by Warsaw Pact armies, but gave no further details. As hundreds of people milled about Victory Square where the funeral mass will be held, tens of thousands queued outside the seminary church nearby where the cardinal's coffin has rested since his death Thursday from cancer at age 79. The cardinal led the church through 33 years of Communist rule here and was the pre-eminent churchman in a nation where some 80 to 90 per cent of the 36 million people count themselves members of the Catholic Church. As Solidarity union workers feverishly sought to prepare a huge altar on the mass site, the area had become a main attraction and traffic has been snarled as officials blocked streets and Polish television camera crews set up for a live broadcast tomorrow. High-level church and civilian delegations which poured into Warsaw included the Vatican's No. 2 leader, Secretary of State Agostino Cardinal Casaroli. The Pope was recovering in a Rome hospital from an assassination attempt May 13. The Polish news agency reported Mr. Kania met the Vatican secretary but gave no details. Some observers speculated they had discussed a possible successor to Cardinal Wyszynski. This analysis was bolstered by a PAP report quoting Mr. Kania as telling a workers' meeting: "I am personally convinced that our policy on religion, confirming its durability... brings sufficient evidence that will make the successor to the primate inclined to continue the line of dialogue, understanding and contacts with the state started by Cardinal Wyszynski."

## Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski



Among other church leaders was Polish Wladyslaw Cardinal Rubin, in charge of Polish Catholic affairs around the world, and Archbishop of Prague Frantisek Tomasek, who was unable to come for the Pope's visit two years ago. John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania brought a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan expressing unity and sympathy in "this hour of sorrow." Flags near the square flew at half mast, black mourning ribbons fluttering against the red and white background there and on every flagpole in accord with a state-declared mourning period ending tomorrow.

# NATIONAL

## Anani off to Geneva for ILO conference

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani left for Geneva today at the head of an official Jordanian delegation to take part in the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 67th conference which starts Monday.

The Jordanian delegation will submit to the conference a report on the implementation of ILO's resolution to condemn the tre-

During the 25-day conference, the participants are expected to discuss a number of draft resolutions on work, environment and social security.

The Jordanian delegation to the conference includes representatives from the Ministry of Labour, the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions and director of the Amman Chamber of Industry, Ali Dajani.



Dr. Jawad Al Anani

atment of the Arab population in the Israeli occupied Arab territories and the ILO's 1980 resolution connected with Israeli settlements on confiscated Arab land as well as Israel's arbitrary measures against Arab workers.

## Gaza mayor to visit Amman

AMMAN, May 30 (J.T.) — Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawwa arrives here on Monday for a visit lasting several days. He will be crossing the King Hussein Bridge in the morning.

During his visit, Mr. Shawwa will be received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein. He will also hold talks with Prime Minister Mudar Badran and a number of Jordanian officials on "matters related to the Gaza Strip and the economic conditions in it," according to reliable sources.

Mr. Shawwa will also discuss the subject of the marketing of the Gaza Strip's production of citrus fruits through Jordan and matters related to issuing passports to Gaza citizens.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan presents a cup to a player from a winning team.

## Hassan opens Brigade day

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan this afternoon participated in a ceremony organised by one of the formations of the Hussein Ibn Ali Brigade on the occasion of its "activities day."

At the beginning of the ceremony, the commander of the

formation made a speech indicating the significance of the activities performed in keeping physical preparedness and fitness and raising the morale of men.

Competitions on the dismantling and assembly of weapons as well as a variety of sports exercises were staged.

At the end of the ceremony, the

Crown Prince distributed caps to the winning teams and awards to the families of the martyrs of the formation.

The ceremony was attended by the assistant chief of the general staff for operations and planning and the commander of the brigade.

## British Council carries programmes to Aqaba

By Phyllis Hughes  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The British Council is expanding its cultural activities to include Aqaba. From the beginning of May, the council has been staging exhibitions and concerts in Jordan's one and only seaside resort. And they intend making Aqaba a permanent centre for their programmes.

The popular Age of Shakespeare exhibition will be staged in the first half of June at the Alczsar Hotel and will include performances from Shakespeare's plays by the Haya Centre players. They will also be showing three films—Julius Caesar, As You Like It and Richard II.

British Council representative Mr. Martin Savage said: "One Aqaba resident wrote to us and asked if it would be possible to stage any of our programmes in the town, because most people could not travel all the way to Amman to see our exhibitions."

"We discussed the idea and decided that the plan was a good one. From now on we will try to include Aqaba in all our plans."

The council has formed a spe-

cial committee based in Aqaba to organise forthcoming events. They are already arranging several items throughout July and August.

"We have had very generous co-operation from hoteliers in Aqaba and facilities there are excellent," Mr. Savage added.

He hopes in the future to arrange for a selection of books from the British Council library to be sent to Aqaba. At the moment enthusiastic readers have to travel the 360 kilometres to Amman to borrow books.

"There is a strong expatriate community in Aqaba and we think this is an ideal way of bringing the local population and foreigners together. We hope it could help to promote international friendship."

In fact, business at the council is booming. Membership in Amman has increased to 2,000 and the library now stocks nearly 17,000 books. Borrowing has gone up to 24,000 and 800 films are available.

But the greatest headway was made last year in the teaching of English. Students learning both English and Arabic have increased from 446 to 636 and, according to Dr. Richard Long, the council hope to set up a permanent English centre in Zarka.

"We are interested in promoting the teaching of good English," said Dr. Long. "There are very few organisations in Jordan that have not taken advantage of our experience in this field."

The council also arranges visits by British experts to Jordan who can help in culture or business activities. A top professor of chemistry has just ended a visit during which he studied the application of industrial chemistry he Again, a football referee coach Jordanian players recently an car rally expert is expected in Ji to advise on organising Jordan own car rally.

They also organise visits to U.K. by Jordanians and have scholarships available for post graduate students.

"Unfortunately not many people take up these one-year courses," said Dr. Long. "At moment there is one student completing a PhD in nuclear physics and another improving his speaking of English."

"Not so long ago there were scholarships available for Jordanians. Now, the number been cut to three. It is a pity more people do not take up chance of studying in English through the council."

They have also helped on numerous projects in Jordan, such supervising the setting up of a rianship project at the University of Jordan, and arranging summer schools last year for ching English. And they run oratory technique courses Amman Polytechnic and have even set up a dressmaking class.

"We have many facilities here and we would like to use them the full," said Dr. Long.

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### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has donated JD. 1000 to the preparatory school at Abu Nusair village to help the school expand its facilities and meet the students' needs.

ZARQA, May 20 (Petra) — The Mental Health Society in Zarqa today opened a school for the education of the mentally retarded children. Forty children aged 6 to 12 years will join the five classes of the school. The president of the society said that the opening of this school comes within the International Year of the Disabled, in order to educate them and to enable them to cope with the responsibilities of life. The Mental Health Society, affiliated with the Princess Basma Centre for Education, will soon open a kindergarten for the mentally retarded children.

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen, Samir Rasmay Khoury has been sentenced by the military court to one and a half years of hard labour and was fined JD 59 for embezzlement. Three other citizens — Salah Saly, Gheed Al Hamaydeh and Ahmad Al Khaza'leh — were sentenced to prison terms ranging between four months and one year for similar offences. The military governor today endorsed the sentences.

AMMAN, May 30 (J.T.) — A woman died and three other people were injured as a result of 15 traffic accidents during the last 24 hours in Jordan, the Public Security Directorate said. It added that

a citizen from Amman reported to police that JD. 200 were stolen from him while walking in the downtown area. Two children, aged 9 and 10, were accidentally shot at a party, but their condition was described as fair. Two more children were drowned while helping a woman who was washing wool by a pond.

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — An art exhibition by artists Omar Hamdan and 'Ayyad Al Nimr opened at Alia Art Gallery today. On display are 50 paintings depicting the Jordanian landscape. The exhibition was opened by Mr. Ali Ghandour, board director of Alia, the Royal Jordanian airline.

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior Salem Al Kiswani left for Morocco today to represent Jordan at a meeting of representatives of Arab interior ministers. During the meeting starting Monday, the participants will discuss a pan-Arab security plan, in addition to a number of topics connected with the tasks of Arab interior ministries. The meeting is expected to last several days.

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — The commercial sector in Zarqa announced today that it is making a contribution of JD 3,500 to help construct a youth centre in the city. It also allocated a monthly sum of JD 250 to help promote the centre's sports, social and cultural activities.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### Exhibitions

\* The American Centre presents an exhibition of paintings by American artist James Vitale, entitled "Arab Lights". Mr. Vitale is a professor of fine arts at Yarmouk University in Irbid. The opening ceremony is at 4:30 p.m. It may be seen thereafter between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., in the auditorium of the American Centre, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

\* The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Soviet Cultural Centre, presents an exhibition of photographs by Soviet artists. The exhibition is open to the public at 6 p.m. at the centre near Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

\* The British Council presents sculpture from its permanent collection at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., and remains open daily except Tuesday.

\* The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs by members of the centre's photography club. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Luw'aidh.

\* Alia Art Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by Omar Hamdan and 'Abbad Al Nemer. The exhibition is open to the public at the gallery in Shmeisani.

#### Spring Festival

\* The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities presents the Spring Festival of Art, which was celebrated in Aqaba last month, at the Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

#### Film

\* The University of Jordan Alumni Club presents "Blue Soldier", at 6:30 p.m., at the club premises. Members and their friends are welcome.

#### Church Services

\* The Amman International Church (international and interdenominational) holds prayer services each Sunday at 6 p.m. Church School for adults at 5 p.m.; nursery provided. The church meets for worship in the Baptist School in Shmeisani.

\* The Church of the Redeemer (C. of E. /Anglican/Episcopal) celebrates Holy Communion at 8 p.m., and holds Morning Service at 12 noon and Evening Service at 4:30 p.m. The church is located in the First Circle area of Jabal Amman near the Ahliya School for girls (CMS), beyond the China Restaurant.

### Evening Pottery Class

The Haya Arts Centre will start a two-month pottery class on June 10, 1981.

The class will meet every Wednesday and Monday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Registration at the centre: Morning 9 - 1 Evening 4 - 5, June 1 - 10

### COMMUNIQUE DE L'AMBASSADE DE FRANCE SUR LES PROCHAINES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES

Etant donne que pour les elections legislatives il n'y a pas de bureau de vote a Amman, les Francais resident en Jordanie sont invites a se presenter au Consulat avant le 6 juin afin d'etablir leur procuracion de vote-pour participer aux elections legislatives des 14 et 21 juin 1981. Ils peuvent en effet voter par procuracion a la condition d'etre deja inscrits dans une circonscription en France.

Ce message s'adresse:

- aux electeurs qui ont vote au Consulat pour les elections presidentielles,
  - aux electeurs qui ont vote par une procuracion valable uniquement pour les elections presidentielles et qui doivent donc etablir une nouvelle procuracion pour les legislatives,
  - aux electeurs enfin qui, n'ayant pas vote' aux elections presidentielles, desirant participer aux elections legislatives.
- Toutes informations complementaires seront donnees par le Consulat (tel: 41273 - 41274)

### UNRWA staff team returns home

AMMAN, May 30 (J.T.) — A delegation representing the employees of UNRWA, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, has returned to Amman after holding talks with their colleagues in Damascus on UNRWA's future decisions concerning its employees.

A delegation source said that the two sides agreed on certain demands they intend to make to UNRWA at a meeting in Amman in June.

According to the source, these demands concern cost of living allowances, medical treatment of employees and compensation when UNRWA terminates its services.

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# Pella dig reveals 'a good part of history'

Text and photos  
By Marianne Pearson  
Special to the Jordan Times

**TABAQAT FAHL, Northern Jordan Valley** — "One could dig at Pella year-around for 100 years and still not uncover all the city -- it's that big a city," says Dr. Robert Houston Smith of Wooster College in Ohio. "But next year the Wooster team is going to have a bit of a rest, and also take time to assimilate our findings. Then, depending on our own continued energy and the continuing cooperation of the Department of Antiquities and support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, we'll be back for another three years."

Dr. Smith has worked for three years as co-director of the Sydney-Wooster Joint Expedition at Pella. Teams from the University of Sydney and from Wooster College have each excavated for two months out of the year, for the equivalent of six seasons at Pella. A full account of Wooster's first expedition is found in the book *Pella of the Decapolis*, published in 1973.

During the past two months the Wooster team excavated at the West Cut and the Civic Complex, two major digging areas; and also at a recently-discovered fort and a Chalcolithic site.

### The West Cut

A good part of the history of Pella is revealed by the West Cut, the major stratigraphic probe into the western side of the mound. Houses were large, with walls one metre thick, during its latest occupation -- probably between A.D. 700 and 725. Floors had been cleaned up before the great earthquake of A.D. 746 brought walls and roof down on them.

Thick layers of Byzantine remains (ca. A.D. 324 - 640) but sparse Roman remains (ca. 63 B.C. - A.D. 324) suggest that the Byzantines, who were great builders, replaced most of the Roman buildings, which were already centuries old. In any case, during the Byzantine period Pella expanded to its greatest size, stretching out over nearby hillsides.

Extensive deposits of late Hellenistic (198-63 B.C.) debris in the West Cut include a quantity of burned soil and burned postherds -- destruction layers which may have been caused by Alexander Jannaeus who, according to the historian Josephus, destroyed Pella in 83-82 B.C.

Later builders cut away the Hellenistic layer so extensively, however, that Hellenistic walls are nowhere higher than one metre; and few floors remain. But the large number of walls of the Hellenistic period uncovered show that building was carried out at that time in many phases.

Hellenistic builders, like those who followed them, had the tendency to level off earlier occupation strata. During the past season the Wooster team has worked with remains from the Persian period (ca. 539 - 332 B.C.), which are poor, and take up the eighth to sixth centuries B.C. -- the Iron II period.

In coming seasons Dr. Smith hopes to find more solid evidence of Iron Age occupation in the West Cut and to get, eventually, information about the "Canaanite" city. Although he thinks it is more likely the Australians will find earlier occupation levels in the East Cut than will be found in the West Cut, he said, "archaeology is full of surprises."

### The Civic Complex

Because of its "Roman" ruins, the Civic Complex has the most dramatic appearance of any part of Pella. As work has proceeded there, however, and the Byzantine re-use of Roman building materials has become evident, much of its architecture has had to be related to the Byzantine period.

One Roman building, at least, remains. The small theatre, or odeum, similar in size to the Amman Amphitheatre, is not likely to have been built by Byzantine Christians -- who would have considered it pagan. Pottery found under the original building stones date it to the first century A.D. Last year a Byzantine dump was cleared out of the theatre, and this year work continued beyond the last official day of the excavation season, to uncover its floor.

Since the wadi bed cutting by the mound's south side has risen two or three metres since Roman times, water and mud seep into the odeum daily. One day of normal work tends to take a week. A pump lent by the Department of Antiquities, and equipment from by the Shin Seung Corporation and the Jordan Valley Authority, have helped to solve the problem this season.

The traditional tools of archaeology -- dental picks, trowels, brushes -- are in use at the Civic Complex. They were used, for example, to excavate three skeletons found there this season. But increasingly, as work at the Civic Complex proceeds, there will be also a need for "quite gross" equipment, Dr. Smith said.

"I suspect," he added, "there may be people in Amman -- contracting firms, perhaps -- who would be willing to supply us for a limited time with the heavy equipment we need, if they realised how much we need it and how much this would aid work on the archaeological history of Jordan and contribute to tourism in this country. Although we won't use it until 1983, I would be happy to hear from them immediately -- we have to plan our work far in advance."

### The fort

The third area of excavation is the fort, 335 metres above Pella on the highest hill in the vicinity. An enormous ruined structure built of local chert and limestone in the Hellenistic period, it is 55 metres long and has eight towers.

Documentary records do not mention it. Probably until last year, when Dr. Smith sent a geologist out to reconnoitre the vicinity, it hadn't been visited by anyone except shepherds for hundreds of years. The geologist came back to report the fort, and also a large V-shaped wall two metres wide and at least one kilometre long, due east of Pella. The wall may have been used, like the very ancient "kites" in the eastern desert, to trap animals. It seems to have no connection with the fort, although it is built of similar rough-hewn stone. Evidence of occupation was expected to be found in the fort though not at the wall.

After a full season's work, however, no sign has been found that the fort was ever occupied. It seems to have been forgotten as soon as it was built. Historical research is required to explain the relationship between fort and the city of Pella.

### The Chalcolithic period

Early in this season, several staff members who were exploring the side of a long wadi slope one-half kilometre south of Pella came upon a circle of stones that looked promising. Pottery fragments which they found nearby proved to be from the Chalcolithic period (4000 - 3500 B.C.).

Further work revealed a shallow site, with remains in some places just below the surface, and in the hillside only one metre deep. Excavators found curious bricks made of plaster-like bedrock which had been ground up and reconstituted. They also found an abundance of pits, but only after great effort. For one thing, the pits were lined with layers of plaster which looked like the bedrock; and for another, the people who had made them deliberately plastered over most of them. In one of the pits an excavator found a basalt bowl with a fenestrated base.

Three rooms were uncovered at the Chalcolithic site during the eight weeks of the season. They may be domestic chambers, or possibly have had a cult use.

"We have only archaeological records from which to reconstruct the whole life of these people," Dr. Smith said. "We know from other sites that they had diverse practices. They may have belonged to different tribal groups and stayed somewhat separated from one another. They may have lived in sites like the one we found only part of the year.

"When you consider that these people worked only with other stones or at best a few soft metal tools, you give them credit for being willing to spend a great deal of time making bowls of basalt -- which had to come from at least 35 kilometres away. We're going to keep on trying to find more information about these and other things" Dr. Smith said.



Work by Wooster's 1981 expedition at the West Cut in Pella on the last day of the dig, May 14. The West Cut now gives an occupational chronology from the Islamic period to Iron Age and Persian periods.



Leslie P. Day of Wooster College demonstrates the position in which a skeleton was found in the Byzantine church sanctuary. The man had been killed in the earthquake of 746 A.D., which destroyed much of Pella.



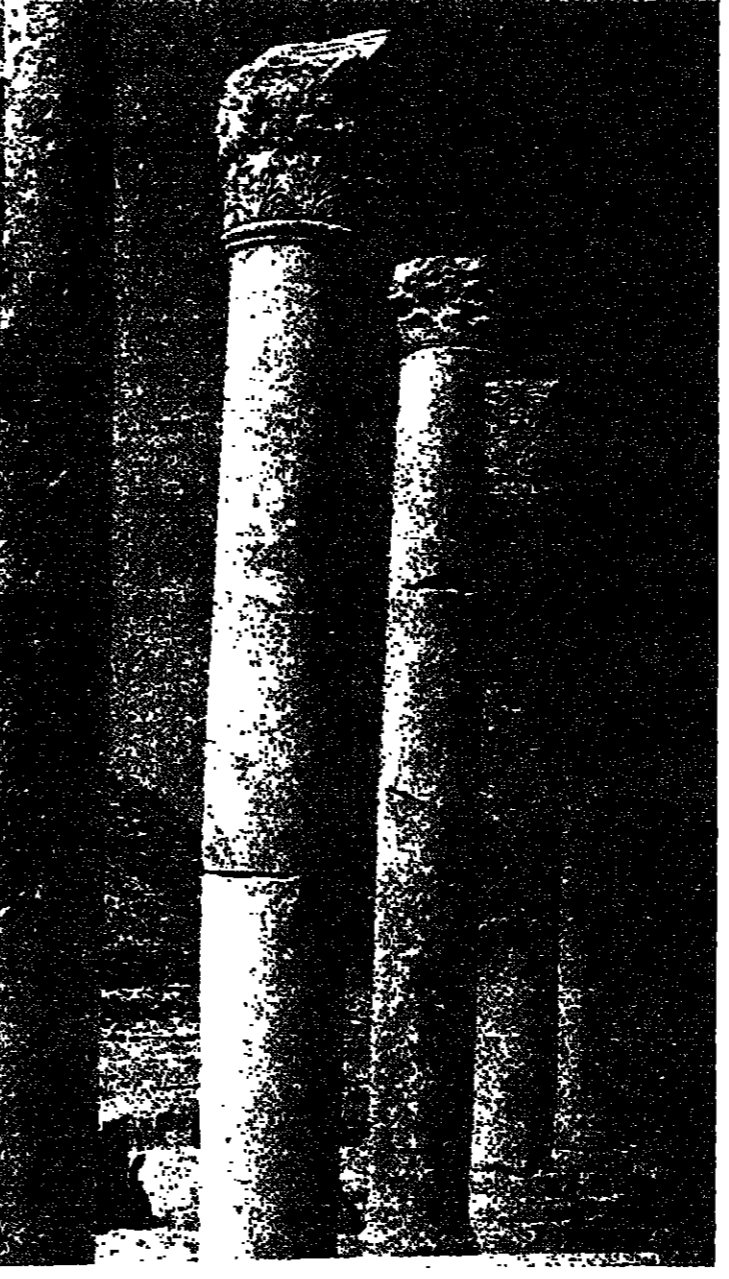
Crowning the highest hill near Pella is a large ruined fort built in the Hellenistic period.



The outline of stones of this circular pit led to the discovery of the Chalcolithic site.



A monumental staircase leads to the colonnaded courtyard of the Byzantine church and to the Civic Complex. Its 1.25 metre semi-circular wall is being excavated.



None of the capitals of the columns in the Byzantine church are the same. Reconstruction is difficult because of the Byzantine re-use of the Roman building materials.



Mr. Mohammed Jumra, who supervised excavations of the fort towers, holds pottery found by members of his team.



Water has to be pumped out of the Roman theatre every day before excavations can be carried out. The East Cut, where the Australians worked earlier this year, is on the upper left.

# OPINION

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# Lebanon's Christians resent image

By C.E. Masterman

AN ARAB University professor, who has been a UNESCO delegate for some years, was travelling by air the other day when he was handed a copy of the Sunday "Journal de Geneve." On the front page was a cartoon of a woman, wearing a cross around her neck, and carrying a baby. The top of the cartoon showed a hail of Syrian bombs descending out of the sky. The caption stated: "The Christians of Lebanon."

Dr. Abdullah Saadeh, who has been in London, feels that such cartoons testify the false view put over the mass media in the West regarding the Lebanese Christians. He has been on a mission to Britain, France and Germany in an attempt to change the outlook of the Western press.

A medical surgeon by profession, Dr. Saadeh's father was a Greek Orthodox priest and a descendant of a long line of fifteen priests. Regarded as a spokesman for Christian opinion in Lebanon, he is today a leading member of the Lebanese National Movement. And he states, very emphatically indeed: "The whole of the Lebanese crisis is pictured as a confrontation between Muslims and Christians. This is simply not true."

Dr. Saadeh emphasises that the Falange, who occupy less than fifteen per cent of Lebanon, have a total population in the area they occupy of approximately 300,000

people. Although the area is predominantly Christian, Dr. Saadeh argues that something under 15 per cent of the people in the occupied territory are actually devoted to the policy of the Falange. If these figures are accepted as true, it means that only 45,000 Christians actively support Falange policies.

On the other hand, out of a total of one million Christians in Lebanon, 700,000 are outside the area occupied by the Falange, says Dr. Saadeh.

He makes the point that the majority of Christians are "totally against" any policy of isolation. They want complete harmony with the Muslims. They are also completely against the idea of any alliance with Israel.

Estimating the number of Christians in the main area of the Lebanon who support the Falange, Dr. Saadeh said that this would not be more than 10 per cent. "Those who are against the Falange dare not speak out. The Falange influence by the gun," he argues.

Dr. Saadeh feels that the policy of the Falange is totally against the interests born of Lebanon as a whole and the Lebanese Christians as a whole.

"Today the great majority of Christians in Lebanon want full cooperation with the Arab World. It is important to them. Anything else would be economic suicide. For example, over 100,000 people work in the Arab states and remit money home. Over 80 per cent of Lebanese net income comes from Arab origins. Our tourism depends 90 per cent on the Arab World. Our banks are filled with Arab money. The average Lebanese knows this full well."

Dr. Saadeh says that if peace is to come to the Middle East, it is the Arabs who first of all must make peace with Israel, not the Lebanese Christians. He sees the policy of the Christian Falange party as "completely counter-productive and leading nowhere."

He also objects to the im-

pression in the media that the Syrian army in Lebanon is pursuing an anti-Christian policy. He argues that, considering all the circumstances, the Syrian army "behaved with due caution and most difficult provocation."

Dr. Saadeh reminds his listeners that the Syrians first went to Lebanon to rescue the Christians from defeat. "There was for a time a honeymoon between the Syria and the Falange. After all, as President Assad has told me, they are two million Christians in Syria itself. Finally, it was discovered that the Falange were more closely connected with Israel than anyone possibly expected. It became clear that the aim of the Falange was to eliminate both the PLO and the nationalist and leftist movements in the Lebanon."

Dr. Saadeh argues strongly that Syrian forces have only fought back at Falange military groups in order to protect their own positions and to keep communications open in the country.

In conclusion, says Dr. Saadeh, the Falange and their allies work against Christian interests in the Middle East. They forget their strong links of Christians with the Arabs. The Arab renaissance was led by a Christian in Egypt in Lebanon. The Baath Party in Baghdad was started by a Christian. Half the Palestinians are after all, Christians.

Whilst practising medicine, Dr. Saadeh ran three private hospitals in Lebanon, Syria and Saudi Arabia, in partnership with three other doctors.

He has a family of four. His eldest son is a professor of medicine at Oklahoma University, U.S.A. His second son is an engineer. His third son is an economist working in London. His daughter is now training as a lawyer in Paris.

Dr. Saadeh's second child, Nicholas, a Christian, like his father made the decision to fight with Muslim forces against the Falange and was killed in fighting in Lebanon at the age of 28.

From voice

## All together now

PERHAPS the most noteworthy aspect of the JD 2 million programme by the municipality of Amman to overhaul services in the downtown area is the coordination that has been initiated among all concerned government authorities. The tendency for individual government agencies to carry out their own work oblivious to the work of others is a reality that we all have to deal with. In one particularly severe case that we know of, newly installed underground telephone cables were sliced in half a few weeks after being laid down when excavators dug up the street to put in an electricity line. The Telecommunications Corporation's relatively efficient service department promptly fixed the telephone cable—only to see it knocked out of service again when the next crew of workers came into the area to pave the street over the electricity cable ditches. Once again, the telephone repairmen returned and fixed the phone cable a second time. A few months later, yet another excavating crew appeared and started digging ditches to put in sewer lines. Sure enough, they mangled the telephone cable yet again, and the telephone repairmen made another trip to fix the phone cable a third time. This may or may not be a typical example; but it does point out the ravages and waste that result from a lack of coordination among the different government agencies and contractors whose job it is to dig up the streets for various purposes. The municipality of Amman is setting a useful precedent by coordinating such work. We hope other government agencies follow suit.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Proceeding from the honourable pan-Arab commitment, and inspired by responsible thought and far-sighted vision, and in view of the international prestige he enjoys, His Majesty King Hussein was able to convey to the Soviet leaders the Arab view on the situation in the area and urgent international issues—and to crown the talks he had in the Soviet Union with a success which enabled the Arab stand to prove its presence vis-a-vis the problems of the age, such as disarmament, international détente, protection of the world from a nuclear catastrophe, rectification of the international economic relations and prevention of hegemony in relations among nations.

It is evident that this international dimension has come to affirm that the Arabs are not wrapped-up within their issue despite its importance, and that they are concerned with what is taking place in the international arena. Consequently, the international community, including the Soviet Union—a superpower in our modern age—should pay attention to their views and stands. Needless to say, our issue was given a primary importance in the talks which took place in Moscow and led to a common stand represented as follows:

—Israel's aggressive acts are the reason behind the tension in the area and the situation which causes profound concern.

—The Camp David agreements and the separate Egyptian-Israeli treaty contradict with the interests of the Arab countries and their people. Furthermore, the autonomy talks and any attempts to conduct separate negotiations on the future of the Palestinian people were condemned.

—The two sides emphasised that all the Israeli legislative and administrative measures to change the status of Jerusalem are null and void. They also asserted that Israel's withdrawal from occupied Jerusalem should be part of the full Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab areas occupied in 1967.

—The two sides condemned the construction of the Israeli settlements and the acts of repression and racial discrimination as well as Israel's violation of the Arab historic, religious and cultural values. The two sides also emphasised the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their independent state on their soil as well as the Palestinians' right to return home.

—The two sides declared that they will continue to support the just struggle which the Palestinian people are waging to regain their legitimate rights under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in its capacity as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

—The two sides also condemned the con-

tinuous Israeli aggression on Lebanon and its blatant interference in its internal affairs. They also called for restoring the situation in Lebanon to normal on the basis of preserving its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

—The two sides affirmed the right of the Arab Gulf states to safeguard the peace and security of this area by themselves without any foreign intervention. They also supported their constant right to use their natural resources and to oppose the establishment of foreign military bases or placing nuclear weapons on it.

The Jordanian-Soviet talks were not restricted to crystallising this joint position, but went beyond this to the method of action. Jordan supported the Soviet initiative calling for convening an international conference on the Middle East, and this is the first and clearest Arab reaction to the Soviet initiative.

It should be recalled here that Jordan's support of the Soviet initiative does not contradict the encouraging of EEC countries to act and present their own initiative. The most evident proof of this is that the Soviet Union itself had declared that it has no objections to cooperate with the European states to achieve a just and comprehensive settlement of the Middle East issue.

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Amman: Samleh Abu Zeedan .. 3477/1141  
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Amman: Nahrourh ..... 23672  
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Jerusalem ..... 39655  
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 British Council ..... 36147-8  
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 Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) ..... 36381-2  
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 Police headquarters ..... 39141  
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 Airport information (ALLA) ..... 92205/92206  
 Jordan Television ..... 73111  
 Radio Jordan ..... 74111

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Firstaid, fire, police ..... 199  
 Fire headquarters ..... 22090  
 Cablegram or telegram ..... 18  
 Telephone: Information ..... 12  
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## MARKET PRICES

Tomatoes	80	50
Eggplant	130	90
Potatoes (imported)	100	80
Marrow (small)	220	170
Marrow (large)	100	80
Cucumber (small)	220	170
Cucumber (large)	110	80
Peas	130	130
String beans	250	180
Potatoes (local)	130	120
Letuce (head)	70	70
Cauliflower	180	140
Bell pepper	190	120
Cauliflower	70	70
Spinach	120	120
Onions (dry)	100	80
Onions (green)	280	280

## MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 23316  
 Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays.  
 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128  
 Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 37199

## PRAYER TIMES FOR SUNDAY

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 'Asr ..... 3:14  
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 Lebanese pound ..... 79.3/79.6  
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 Iraqi dinar ..... 723/732  
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 UAE dirham ..... 90.9/91.5  
 Omani riyal ..... 965/970  
 U.S. dollar ..... 334/336  
 U.K. sterling ..... 693/699  
 W. German mark ..... 144/145  
 Swiss franc ..... 160.5/161.5  
 Italian lire ..... (for every 100) ..... 29/30.8  
 French franc ..... 60.1/60.5  
 Dutch guilder ..... 128.5/129.3  
 Swedish crown ..... 67.4/67.8  
 Belgian franc ..... 87.6/88.1  
 Japanese yen ..... (for every 100) ..... 148.7/149.6

## FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1981

**YOUR DAILY Horoscope**  
 from the Carroll Righter Institute

## GENERAL TENDENCIES:

A day when you can direct your thoughts on a philosophy that will enhance your well-being. Make whatever change that is necessary to achieve your long-sought goals.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Attend the services of your choice and concentrate on your true beliefs. Contact an influential person who can help you.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** A time to comprehend the ideas of congenials and improve your relations with them. Make plans for the days ahead.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** A situation arises that does not please you, but let it ride for the time being. Do nothing that would endanger your health.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Contact a wise person who can give you valuable information. You can easily make a fine impression on others now.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Show more cooperation with family members and make your home life more ideal. Avoid one who is envious of your talents.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Listening to lofty thoughts is fine, but don't permit others to change your thinking. Express happiness.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Anything you have in mind of a constructive nature should be carried through without delay in order to be successful.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** A new plan you have in mind can help you gain personal aims. Sidestep one who like to waste your time.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Make long-range plans that could give added income in the future. Do something thoughtful for loved one.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Improve the bonds between you and a neighbor by being more helpful. Take steps to improve your health.

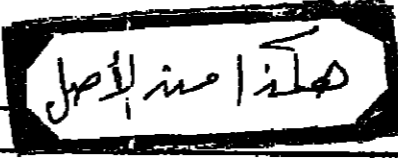
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Take time to handle a civic affair and gain added prestige in the community. Try not to break any promises.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Study what philosophy is best suited for you. Avoid one who is detrimental to your best interests. Make future plans.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . .** he or she will have fine goals early in life which should be encouraged. This could lead to great success, provided you give the best education you can afford. The fields of medicine and research are ideal in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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MIDDLE EAST

Don't threaten me with trial...'  
Bani-Sadr tells  
Iranian clergymen

AN, May 30 (R) — Pre-Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, increasing pressure from clerical leaders, was today as saying he would defend the freedom and independence of his country and the role of being put on trial, not threaten me with a trial, this would put the history of the revolution and a deprived on trial," the liberal new-Mizan quoted the press telling a rally of air force in Shiraz last Thursday. president's remarks were ried by the state-run news They followed a major polbess by Iran's revolutionary Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini which was widely ind as being critical of the ident-minded president. at speech Ayatollah Kho-

meini said everyone had to respect the Islamic institutions and the leading role of the clergy, otherwise they risked prosecution as "corrupt on earth," a charge usually punished by death. The president has been locked in a long power-struggle with the clergy-dominated government. He has sharply criticised dismissals of a number of judges and a bid, later approved by parliament, by Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai to gain control over the Central Bank. "I will not give up defending the freedom and independence of the Islamic republic with all my strength," Mizan quoted the 48-year-old president as saying. The president, who has been accused by the head of the supreme court of violations in his duties as president, is under investigation for his role in violent clashes at a rally here on March 5 in which 45 people were injured. "A nation which has voted for the replacement of one oppressive system by another," Mizan quoted the president as saying. "Iran has woken up and has tasted resistance and victory... and I have no doubts that it will never give in to coercion and humiliation," the president was quoted as saying. "Iran is not a cemetery... and we do not have the right to turn this country into a land of silence because a silent society which gives in to coercion cannot progress and develop." In mid-March Ayatollah Khomeini banned politicians from making public speeches harmful to the unity of Iran and on Wednesday appealed to the country's politicians stop squabbling.

il strike  
s Sudan

TOUM, May 30 (R) — rices throughout Sudan o a halt today as some workers began a five-day o protest against the dis- of colleagues and to draw m to steep increases in the living. s after the strike started se President Jaafar Num- solved the railworkers' nd banned its leader, Mr. Al Khider, from union or l activities, according to lanese News Agency. agency gave no reason for ision. r transport and catering also joined in the strike, the government has decl- egal.

Polisario releases 100 Mauritians

NOUAKCHOTT, May 30 (R) — One hundred Mauritanian prisoners arrived home yesterday after being released by Algerian-backed Polisario Front guerrillas fighting for independence in the Western Sahara, the Mauritanian news agency reported. The agency did not give details but the released prisoners were presumed to have been captured before 1979 when Mauritania reached a peace accord with the Polisario Front. Mauritania and Morocco shared the Western Sahara after Spain gave it up in 1976 but Mauritania withdrew following the 1979 agreement with the guerrillas. The Polisario Front said earlier this week it intended to release some of an estimated 2,000 captured Moroccan soldiers as a good will gesture. In that statement, the front made no mention of Mauritanian prisoners.

Guitarist Khorshid dies in auto accident

CAIRO, May 30 (A.P.) — Omar Khorshid, one of the world's most popular Arab guitarists, died Thursday in an auto accident near the Giza Pyramids outside Cairo, police said. Mr. Khorshid performed in 1979 at the White House to help celebrate the signing of the American-sponsored Camp David peace between Egypt and Israel. Police said he was travelling with his wife, who

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was also injured. From the salons of Cairo to the Arabic restaurants of Brooklyn, Mr. Khorshid's music is popular with Egyptians around the world.

800,000-year-old skeletons found

SALONICA, Greece, May 30 (A.P.) — Parts of two human skeletons believed to be 800,000 years old have been found in a cave in the Halkidiki Peninsula near here, archaeologists reported. The bones were spotted in the same cave where 700,000-year-old human bones were found 15 years ago. Prof. Aris Poulianos, president of the Anthropological Society, made the announcement. He said, however, he will need more time to evaluate the anthropological value of the bones in historical terms. He said other indications of human existence in the cave seem to suggest that the cave was inhabited as far back as one million years. Prof. Poulianos said he expects to make a detailed presentation of the find at the third Pan-European Anthropological Conference in Petralona in September 1982.

S. Yemeni foreign minister in Damascus

DAMASCUS, May 30 (R) — South Yemeni Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Mohammad arrived last night with a message for

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. He told reporters the message from President Ali Nasser Mohammad dealt with latest Arab developments and the "escalation of the Zionist aggression on Lebanon and the Palestine commando movement."

ICO meeting's agenda approved

BEIRUT, May 30 (R) — Senior officials of the Islamic Congress Organisation (ICO) met in Baghdad today to approve the agenda of the 12th Islamic foreign minister's meeting, opening on Monday. The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the two-day discussions would cover the draft agenda of the foreign ministers' meeting drawn up by the ICO secretariat. It added that the draft contained several items headed by the Palestine problem "being the Arabs' and Muslims' central cause, which covers the question of the city of Jerusalem." Other issues include the Iraqi-Iranian conflict, the agency said.

Top Yugoslav official goes to Tripoli

BELGRADE, May 30 (A.P.) — Yugoslavia's Defence Secretary, Gen. Nikola Ljubic, left by air for Tripoli today for a visit to "Libya and her armed forces," the national news agency Tanjug reported. The agency said the general is returning a visit by Brig. Abu Baker, supreme commander of Libyan armed forces.

Ethiopia and Somalia: willing  
black pawns in superpower game

By James Buxton

At first sight the Horn of Africa, desperately poor but strategically placed at the entrance to the Red Sea, looks as explosive as ever. The furious war of rhetoric between Ethiopia and Somalia goes on and super-power rivalry has been intensified now that the Soviet military backing of Ethiopia has been matched by the U.S. acquisition of military facilities in Somalia.

In reality, however, the balance of forces in the Horn has changed dramatically in the past year. Ethiopia appears to have got on top in the two crucial areas of conflict: the Ogaden region of southeastern Ethiopia, a mainly arid area largely inhabited in normal times by Somali nomads and its

northern province of Eritrea, which has been fighting to secede from Ethiopia since 1962. A year ago Somali regular troops were operating in large numbers in the Ogaden, not just in support of the guerrillas of the Western Somalia Liberation Front, but in separate operations against the Ethiopian and Cuban troops there. But by the end of last year the Ethiopians, without it is said, direct assistance from the 13,000 Cubans still in Ethiopia, reasserted effective control over the whole of the Ogaden. The Somalis finally withdrew their last regular troops at the beginning of this year, leaving the guerrillas badly weakened. In Eritrea, a kind of stalemate has existed for at least a year, with the two main guerrilla movements confined to the northern enclave of the province. An agreement last November between Lt. Col Mengistu Haile-Mariam, the Ethiopian head of state, and President Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan appears to be restricting supplies to the Eritrean guerrillas from Sudanese territory. Despite heavy guerrilla fighting in Tigre province, just south of Eritrea, the position of the central government in Ethiopia still looks stronger than it has since the 1974 revolution, as does the position of Col. Mengistu himself.

The same cannot be said for the once Marxist regime in Somalia of President Siad Barre, who has held power since 1969.

President Siad Barre's regime has been under pressure ever since Somalia's defeat by Ethiopian and Cuban troops in the Ogaden of 1978. The defeat, combined with economic misery, the harsh nature of the regime and the belief that Mr. Barre favours his own tribal clan against the others has led to the formation of three opposition movements.

One of them, the Ethiopia-based Somali Salvation Front, has staged guerrilla raids into Somalia. Even the agreement with the U.S. under which Washington will use military facilities at Berbera on the Gulf of Aden, has yielded much less to Somalia than Mr. Barre had hoped. He asked initially for \$2 billion worth of aid; he is getting \$400 million worth of military credits, to be used on "non-effective" weapons. The U.S. insisted Somalia pulled its troops out of the Ogaden before the aid was released.

But the U.S. presence in Somalia does complete the reversal of super power roles that has occurred since 1977, when the Americans were thrown out of Ethiopia and the Russians ejected from Somalia. The only way the Horn could cease to be an area of superpower rivalry would be to resolve the conflict between the two African countries.

This is what inspired Mr. Emilio Colombo, the Italian foreign minister to become the first western foreign minister to visit Addis Ababa since the revolution. He met Col. Mengistu last month and agreed to step up aid to the same level Italy gave to Somalia last year.

While Ethiopia feels a debt of gratitude to the Soviet Union for its military help in the wars (and

owes it about \$2 billion for arms) it has in the past avoided being tied to either power bloc. Two of the seven men in Col. Mengistu's executive committee of the ruling military council or Derg are pro-Soviet hardliners, but the remainder, including Col. Mengistu himself, are considered to be halfway between Marxism and nationalism.

If Ethiopia has many of the practices of a Marxist state, it has not gone as far as the Soviet Union would like in establishing its long heralded Ethiopian Communist Party.

But in any resolution of the conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia it is Somalia that would have to compromise more. Ethiopia can claim to have been defending its territory while Somalia would have to drop the principle enshrined in the Somali constitution that the people of the Ogaden should be allowed self-determination.

That principle may have moral justification — the unrealistic ex-colonial border between the two countries divides the Somali people — but is unacceptable to Ethiopia.

Yet there are signs that even in Somalia, a war-weary population, conscious of Ethiopia's overwhelming military strength and fearful of outright invasion, believes the time may have come to compromise.

The question is whether the Somali president can be persuaded that it is in his interests to do so: his enemies could use a concession on the Ogaden to his disadvantage. Mr. Colombo is adept at reconciling the irreconcilable, but was warned by Ethiopia that the deeply felt antagonisms of the Horn of Africa could take a long time to overcome. Even so, Col. Mengistu is believed to have told him: "Nothing is unchangeable."

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closer to agreement  
on bases

ATHENS, May 30 (R) — Prime Minister George Rallis said today that Greece and the United States were close to agreement on the future status and operation of American military bases in Greece.

He told reporters that substantial progress has been made during the negotiations in Athens but there were still minor technical issues to be settled.

"We are waiting for the final proposals from the other side. If these proposals are in agreement with existing Greek views and are submitted within a reasonable time limit, the agreement will be signed," the prime minister said.

The talks between foreign ministry officials and American diplomats opened here on Oct. 29 last year and are based on an agreement initialled in 1977 but never signed.

Under this agreement Greece would have received \$700 million in U.S. aid over four years in return for the bases.

Greece meanwhile has asked for an increase in the amount and is seeking an American pledge that the balance of power between Greece and Turkey, rivals over territorial rights in the Aegean, is maintained.

Officials here said Greece was also asking for an explicit U.S. defence commitment guaranteeing Greece's boundaries in the Aegean and the use of the bases solely for NATO purposes.

The negotiations concern four main bases in Attica and Crete and several smaller installations throughout the country.

Mr. Rallis said today that the agreement should be signed in time for it to be brought for discussion and approval by parliament which goes into summer recess late in June or early July.

He said that the new status governing the bases would better serve Greek interests than the existing one. "The agreement which we are going to sign will be far better than that governing the present status of the bases," he said.

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# ECONOMY

## WFC: National food strategies needed to overcome hunger

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, May 30 (R) — The World Food Council (WFC) has ended a week-long ministerial meeting here with a call for international action to aid individual countries develop comprehensive plans to overcome hunger.

It said in a final report yesterday that in many developing countries food supplies remained extremely precarious and government action was the basis for overcoming the problem.

### Pan Am fined in racial case

MANILA, May 30 (R) — Pan American World Airways has been ordered by a Philippine court to pay over a million pesos (\$125,000) to a Filipino businessman who lost his plane seat to a white man in what the judge called a racial slur.

Judge Serafin Camilon ordered the airline to pay bank executive Nestor Kalaw 600,000 pesos (\$75,000) in moral damages and 400,000 pesos (\$50,000) in exemplary damages, plus costs.

two years ago, were widely supported by rich countries here which indicated they were dissatisfied with food aid programmes they said could undermine efforts to boost domestic production.

Against opposition from the United States, Britain and Australia, the council failed to push through a call to outlaw the use of food as a political weapon prompted by the now-ended U.S. embargo on grain exports to the Soviet Union.

In a compromise, the final report said "many delegations reaffirm their belief in the general rule that the use of food as an instrument of political pressure should be avoided."

WFC President Francisco Merino Rabago, the Mexican agricultural minister, had opened the conference last Monday expressing the hope it would agree that using food as a foreign policy "weapon" should be outlawed under all circumstances.

The final report also urged that a meeting in a Madrid next month should agree to re-start negotiations on a new wheat trade convention to regulate the market in the world's most traded grain.

It also concluded that despite great efforts in the past, more people — now over 500,000 — were facing chronic hunger than ever before and more action and fewer words were needed.

The court found that Pan Am had installed Mr. Kalaw in a first class seat on a San Francisco-Tokyo flight in August 1978. The airline's duty manager of passenger terminal services at San Francisco airport later asked him to leave.

The manager said in written evidence that a group of Japanese tourists had arrived after Mr. Kalaw was on board and five of them had been upgraded to first class from economy.

But the court accepted evidence of the president of the Philippine National Bank, Panfilo Domingo, that the man who took Mr. Kalaw's seat next to him was a Caucasian.

"In short, plaintiff was discriminated against," judge camilon said. "Defendant was guilty of a breach of its own contract, with attendant bad faith compounded twice over by the racial slur on the plaintiff."

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

### Nissan expects sales up to \$14b

TOKYO, May 30 (R) — Despite a cloudy future for car exports, Nissan Motors, maker of Datsuns, said yesterday it expects sales this year to rise six per cent to 3.2 trillion yen (\$14 billion).

Japan's second largest auto manufacturer added, however, that a higher corporate tax burden would probably trim profits some six per cent to 80 billion yen (\$355 million) from last year when they dropped almost two per cent.

The company would not specify export prospects for this year but in the 1980 business year ended last March, Nissan exported 1.47 million vehicles out of total production of 2.65 million.

The 18 per cent export rise easily offset an almost seven per cent decline in sales on the company's home market.

On Thursday, Japan's largest car producer, Toyota, said it expected its auto exports to fall about eight per cent to 1.66 million cars this year, citing deteriorating export conditions in the United States and West Europe.

A 20 per cent increase in overseas shipments in the 1980 business year was the major factor boosting Toyota sales for the year by 7.5 per cent to 3,590 billion yen (\$16 billion).

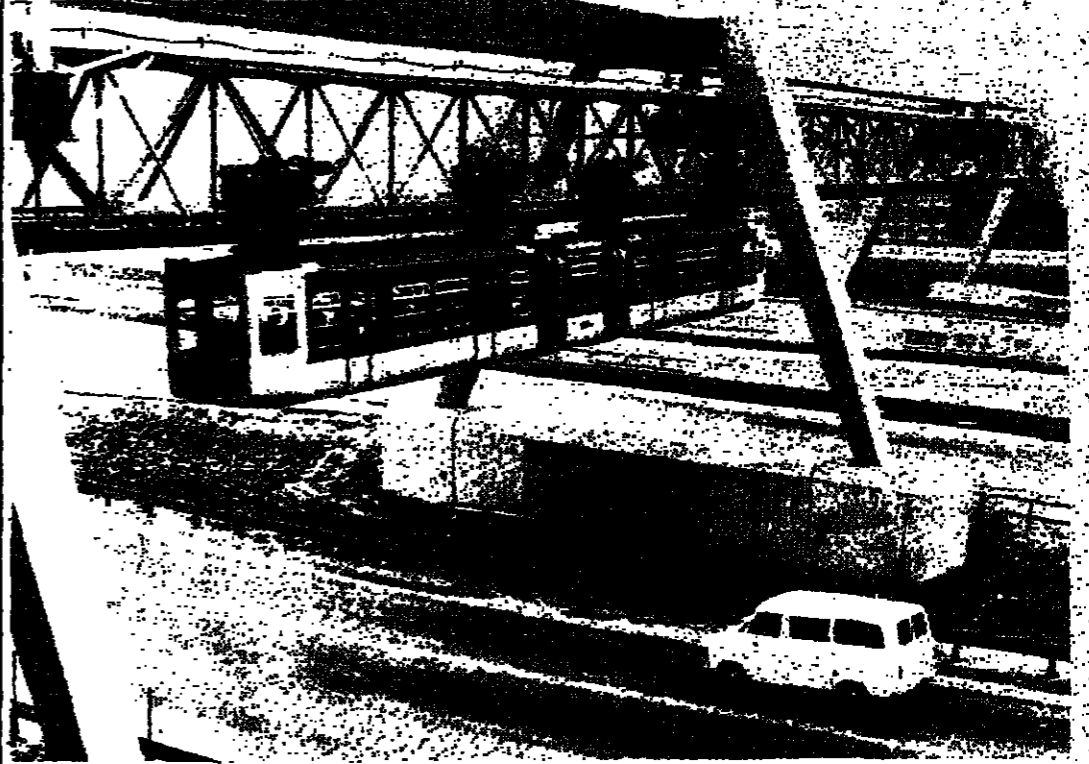
### Mitsui resumes shipping to Iran

TOKYO, May 30 (A.P.) — Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. of Japan said yesterday it will resume shipping services to Iran because it believes the Iraq-Iran war will not affect its operation. It suspended the service nine months ago.

The 13,687-ton container ship Ocean Happiness of Mitsui O.S.K. will leave Kobe, western Japan, on June 4 for Bandar Abbas on the southern tip of Iran as the first Japanese ship to visit the Iranian port since the war. The Ocean Happiness will arrive in Bandar Abbas on July 13 with a cargo of steel and textile products, the officials said.

Mitsui O.S.K. has decided to resume services after it sent a mission to Iran in April to study the situation there, the officials said.

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WUPPERTAL (D4D) — Wuppertal's suspension railway, which celebrates its 80th birthday this year, is still unique in the world — and it is still reckoned to be the safest form of transport in the world. The system was inaugurated by the German Kaiser in 1900 but only opened to the general public the year after. About 1.3 billion people have since used the suspension railway, which has covered about 270 million F1ometres. The journey

along the 17-station line takes half an hour. Today an average of 50,000 passengers a day travel across the long city in the narrow valley of the Wupper. From 1972 to 1974 the old suspension railway running stock was replaced by 28 modern blue or orange articulated carriages. Only the Kaiser train was exempted from the scrapheap. Peop can hire it for special occasions.

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# Pigeon-breeding soars in the Ruhr district

HAUSEN (INP) — As if on command, a dozen pigeons take off from the roof in a sweeping meander, form the house, climb steeply, fly a curve, then settle into level flight in an easterly direction, towards the chimney stacks of Osterfeld colliery and coking plant. A few seconds later, they are mere dark specks in the white sky over Oberhausen (in the Republic of Germany). What about the bird's eye-

wouldn't exactly say they "own" their feathered friends. "I'm attached to them," says Mr. Manni. "I could do without everything else — not the pigeons." He is a big, sturdy fellow with blond, curly hair, almost apple-red cheeks and conspicuously big, though rather soft hands. He works as a builder's plasterer. Years ago, he had a serious accident at work, injuring his knee and spine. Mr. Manni is 39, his brother Mr. Gustav eight years his senior. He's a different type, Mr. Gustav — a harder expression. With his brushed-back dark hair parted at the side, he looks not unlike Ernst Kuzorra, the old soccer idol of FC Schalke 04.

the pigeons recognise the shape of the landscape below — the meadow, the old pit in the back yard, the vegetable garden and their own "b" — the black-painted pigeon-house they still see the two men here — Mr. Gustav and Mr. Heldt — heads thrown back shielding their eyes as they pour the sky in search of birds? No, of course not. On swift flight, they've long lost sight of the tiny pit colliery; Eisenheim: perhaps they're flying over Essen or even Bottrop suddenly, they reappear, heading towards home base: a wing turn, landing approach, feet applied and there they are back on the loft roof, regaining their terrestrial equilibrium, gorm. "They got away well didn't they Manni?" Mr. Gustav says to his brother. Gustav and Mr. Manni are pigeon-breeders. They have about 250 pigeons — they

thirty-one years of bone-grinding work as a mechanic at nearby Osterfeld colliery exacerbated an old spinal defect to such a degree that now, at 47, he's an invalid and a pensioner. Mr. Gustav and Mr. Manni have a seriously ill brother, a former coal face worker turned into a bed-ridden wreck by two nasty accidents at Osterfeld.

But they look after their disabled brother lovingly. Mr. Manni and Mr. Gustav have their own families too. But above all, they have their pigeons.

They grew up with "the birds". Pigeons gradually became a hobby for which nowadays, as they say with one voice: "It means everything to us". No shiny automobiles for them, just mopeds; every spare penny goes into the lofts, which have become bigger and bigger. Today, they hold more

than 200 pigeons, for strangers an amorphous clan. But Mr. Gustav points out: "Show me any bird you like. If I can't tell you the number on its ring without looking, you can take it away with you."

Mr. Manni and Mr. Gustav never rush feeding time — it's an old-established and important ritual. Mr. Gustav always wears his old pit trousers in the loft — and a grey dustcoat. His favourite relaxing position is on a stool placed so that he can lean comfortably against the wall. He talks to the birds, calls, coaxes, whistles and, before one can even notice, his voice takes on a soft note. "Come on, fatty, come on." And they do come to him, perch on his knee or on his shoulder and sometimes on his head, which is why Mr. Gustav usually wears a cap when he's in the loft. "There's real trust between us and the pigeons," he comments. And when Mr. Manni feeds the birds, he wears a warm, tender expression. "You can talk to a pigeon just like a human and they are thankful and show it with love and tameness."

Sitting in his big, chunky hands, which usually still have a smattering of plaster, the pigeons look almost as if they're snuggling in a nest. Sometimes Mr. Manni takes a peanut between his teeth and delights in having a pigeon peck it away from him.

Mr. Manni says: "When you come home from work, or when things are getting you down or you're having a row with the wife, you just go to the pigeon-loft and

everything is okay again. When you come out again, it's like as if your batteries are re-charged. It's really beautiful."

But the best part of it all for him is to peep into the breeding loft and see "how the little chaps are growing. It gives you hope somehow". This hope is invested in every young pigeon — the hope that it will grow into a prize flier. The reward for all the effort, for sacrificing holidays, for all the money spent on birdseed and the constant repair and modernisation of the loft is a pigeon which wins competitions.

"Konkurs" is how the pigeon-breeders of the Ruhr district refer to the competitions for racing pigeons, which always fly for a particular club. The Heldt brothers are members of a pigeon-breeders' association calling itself "Teure Heimat" — "dear home". In many of the races, thousands of birds are entered.

Throughout the Ruhr district, around 30,000 pigeon-breeders are evidence of the great popularity of the sport and its importance as a leisure activity. For several years now, the "Teure Heimat" birds have been flying the same route. To begin with, there are three shorter preliminary flights in April, then six prize flights in May and June in which the birds are transported up to 385 kilometres away from base. Finally, at the end of the racing season, there are extremely difficult flights, some of them starting in Denmark. The winner is the



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first pigeon to find its way back to its home loft.

Before every flight, Mr. Manni and Mr. Gustav get together to discuss sheafs of tables and lists and to fill out entry forms divided into a variety of sections and lists. The maximum stake to be wagered on one bird is DM 10.10 Pfennigs — "going the full way" is how the breeders describe the top bet. Mr. Gustav and Mr. Manni place their stakes according to their judgement of individual birds in the preceding days and how well they have performed in training. Usually, they invest quite a lot of cash.

Then, at Sunday lunchtime, the two brothers sit outside the loft,

often surrounded by neighbours. The atmosphere is tense, because all they can do now is wait and hope everything goes well. The worst thing they can imagine is a repetition of the mishaps of 1975. In that race, the pigeons were released in Flensburg in fine weather, but flew into bad conditions and fog. "Six birds came home," Mr. Gustav recalls, "but the other twelve are still up there."

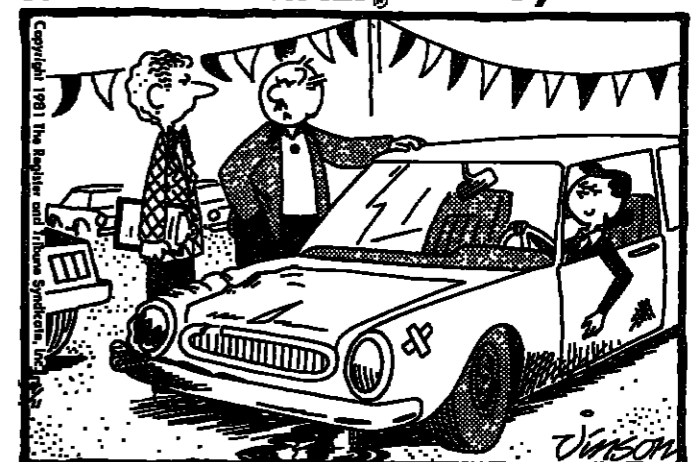
But usually, the pigeons find their way back home even from great distances away — a phenomenon no-one quite understands.

People along with Ruhr say: "Pigeons have a steering-wheel in their heads". (INP)



Mr. Manni and Mr. Heldt; each has his own family but they have their pigeons too, and they do everything for them.

## THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



"Oh, I'm sure it IS a steal, but which of us is the thief and which the victim?"

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN  
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1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
? What do you bid now?

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ Q873 ♥ J652 ♦ 8 ♣ AJ85  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♦  
Pass 2 ♦ Dble. Pass  
?

What action do you take?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ AJ7 ♥ 8743 ♦ K764 ♠ 92  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ A62 ♥ KQ87 ♦ 7 ♣ K9842  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q107 ♥ 6 ♦ QJ65 ♣ 98543  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South  
1 ♥ Dble. ?

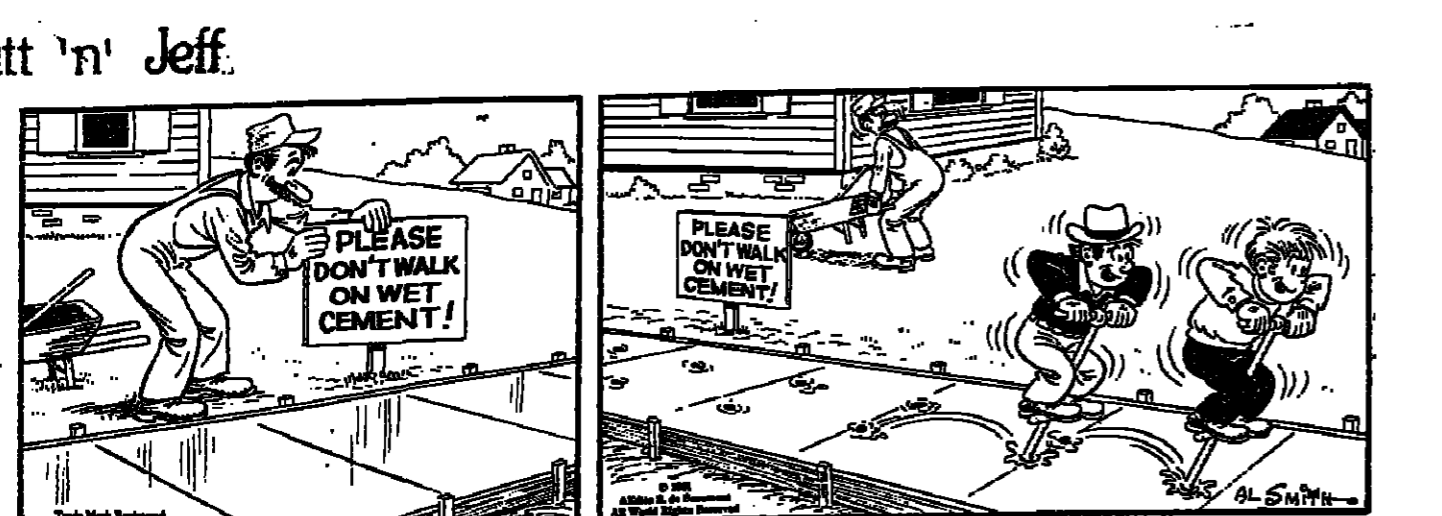
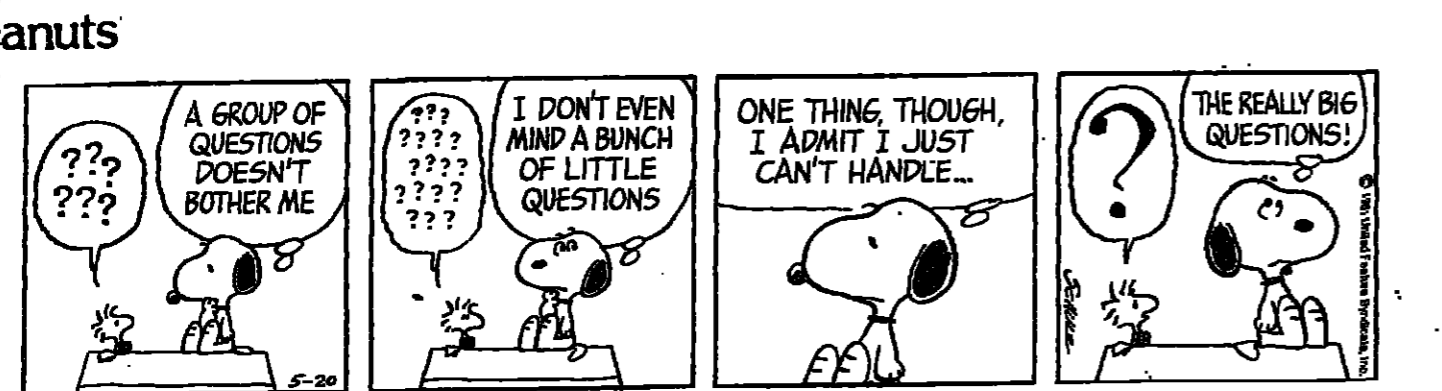
What action do you take?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ 872 ♥ KJ97652 ♣ 932  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ K10762 ♥ 7 ♦ A5 ♣ AKJ75  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
Pass 1 ♦ Dble. Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass ?

What action do you take?



## THE Daily Crossword by William Lutwiniak

- |                              |                   |                           |                              |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ACROSS                       | 25 Tijuana money  | 45 Wife of Tyndareus      | 11 Unfired Ranges far        |
| 1 Nile bird                  | 26 Actress Diana  | 46 City map               | 12 Ranges far                |
| 5 "There Eyes"               | 28 Reconnoiters   | 49 Ooze                   | 16 Make over                 |
| 9 Paraphernalia              | 30 River of Asia  | 50 Pledge                 | 18 Alias                     |
| 13 Edgully                   | 31 Leaf or rum    | 51 Lively dance           | 22 Double-cross              |
| 14 Numerical prefix          | 32 NFL athlete    | 53 British Honduras       | 24 Before el courtesier      |
| 15 Thespian                  | 36 Verdi's output | 56 Overact                | 27 Wine flask                |
| 17 Makes familiar            | 38 "Mood —"       | 57 L-shaped hardware item | 28 Hobby                     |
| 18 Baseball gear             | 39 Takes umbrage  | 59 WW II servicewomen     | 29 USSR river                |
| 20 Despicable ones           | 41 Doctors' org.  | 60 Case for small items   | 31 Steep slope               |
| 21 Reached                   | 42 Truck          | 61 Babysit                | 33 Alert ones                |
| 23 Call — day                | 43 Schuss gear    | 62 Brother                | 35 Barrett or Jaffe          |
| 24 Was aware of the truth of |                   | 63 Part of YMCA: abbr.    | 37 Iterates                  |
|                              |                   | 64 "— Death"              | 40 Saxifrage shrub           |
|                              |                   |                           | 41 Pub order figures, in art |
|                              |                   |                           | 44 Praying                   |
|                              |                   |                           | 45 Nabokov nymph             |
|                              |                   |                           | 46 Snort of disgust          |
|                              |                   |                           | 47 HST's hometown            |
|                              |                   |                           | 48 Superior                  |
|                              |                   |                           | 50 Neckline                  |
|                              |                   |                           | 52 Snuggle down              |
|                              |                   |                           | 53 Pancake                   |
|                              |                   |                           | 54 Sector                    |
|                              |                   |                           | 55 Is done                   |
|                              |                   |                           | 58 NASA's Grissom            |

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

W	A	A	C	A	M	E	R	I	A	N	A	V	I	
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DOWN

- "When — a la..."
- Support
- Probes
- Derring-do
- "— is the army..."
- Layer
- Current
- Pros
- Wildly enthusiastic
- Put in the shade
- Nabokov nymph
- Snort of disgust
- HST's hometown
- Superior
- Neckline
- Snuggle down
- Pancake
- Sector
- Is done
- NASA's Grissom

## JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TREXE  
IMREC  
REPJUM  
THIFES

Another full house!

WHAT ARE THE BEST "SEATS" IN A THEATER?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NOBLE GROOM BAKING DAWNED  
Answer: Why is everyone so angry? — IT'S ALL THE "RAGE" NOW

# Gen. Ziaur Rahman killed: Dacca says it's a coup attempt

NEW DELHI, May 30 (Agencies) — Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated today in an uprising by troops in the port city of Chittagong, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Bangladesh Radio, monitored in New Delhi, said the rebels had seized the Chittagong radio station and set up a revolutionary council.

An Indian government spokesman in New Delhi said the 45-year-old president was shot at the official guest house in Chittagong early this morning. Bangladesh Radio said a state of emergency had been declared in the country and called on Maj. Gen. Manzur Ahmed, commander of the Chittagong army garrison to surrender.

Gen. Manzur, a known opponent of President Zia, was transferred to Chittagong from Dacca just over a month ago. Indian officials said.

Dacca. Telephone and telex links between India and Bangladesh were cut off today and the Bangladesh Biman airline cancelled its morning flight from Dacca to Calcutta. Indian intelligence sources in Calcutta said it seemed the army in Bangladesh was divided and that Chittagong was in the hands of the rebels.

The sources said they feared a civil war might break out in the country.

Bangladesh Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. M. Arshad asked Gen. Manzur to "surrender immediately" to the government, the radio said in a broadcast monitored in Calcutta.

Gen. Arshad said a "so-called revolutionary council" headed by Gen. Manzur had taken control of the Chittagong radio station, but maintained that other members of the country's armed forces were loyal to the government. He called on all members of the

army not to be provoked by insinuations and to discharge their duties faithfully.

Vice-President Abdus Sattar took control of the government in Dacca and proclaimed an "internal emergency" which he said was necessary "as the security of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has been shaken by internal disturbances."

As acting president, Mr. Sattar also suspended all civil rights

and trust in Almighty Allah, democracy, nationalism and socialism.

President Zia and his supporters had shown concern at the return to Bangladesh earlier this month of Mrs. Hasina Wazed, daughter of assassinated president Mujibur Rahman and new leader of the opposition Awami League Party.

Mrs. Wazed, who had been living in exile in India for six years, received a tumultuous welcome from her supporters on returning to Dacca.

She demanded the trial of her father's assassins, many of whom had been sent on diplomatic assignments after Gen. Zia assumed power.

In New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed shock over the assassination and described the late president as a man with statesmanlike vision.

In a message to Acting President Sattar, Mrs. Gandhi recalled pledges by both countries for closer friendship and mutual cooperation.



Gen. Ziaur Rahman

under 12 articles of the constitution, forbade people to seek redress through the courts and banned all meetings and public gatherings.

A curfew was declared in Dacca, and some reports said it had been extended to all major cities in Bangladesh. Army troops were reported in the streets of the capital, but there was no indication of any violence.

The assassinated president was born Jan. 19, 1936 in the northern city of Bogra in East Bengal, then part of British India. His father was a government scientific officer. Young Zia joined the Pakistan army in 1953 and was commissioned in 1955. Between 1959-64, he worked in army intelligence and distinguished himself in action during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war as the only Bengali commander at the time.

He became an instructor at a military academy in West Pakistan before joining the Eighth East Bengal Regiment at Chittagong in 1970.

In the following year, when civil war erupted between West Pakistani troops and East Pakistanis who demanded greater autonomy, he quit his army job and joined the rebels. He made the historic broadcast declaring independence and commanded the first brigade of the new nation known as the "Furq".

From that time onward, except for a five-day period in November 1975 when he was briefly arrested in a coup and freed by loyal soldiers in a counter coup, he emerged as one of the infant nation's most charismatic and powerful figures.

He lived simply with his wife Begum Khalida and their two young sons in a small hungalow instead of at the sprawling presidential palace occupied by his predecessors.

President Zia travelled frequently abroad and described his political ideas as "absolute faith

# Peking offers Taipei peace gesture on Soong's death

PEKING, May 30 (R) — China, in a peace gesture to nationalist-ruled Taiwan, today invited friends and relatives in Taiwan of the late Honorary Chinese President Soong Chingling to attend her funeral in Peking at China's expense.

Special flights of Taiwan's China Airlines could land at Peking or Shanghai for the occasion, according to an announcement issued by the funeral committee for Madame Soong, the widow of Chinese nationalist leader Sun Yat-sen.

The announcement, quoted by The New China News Agency a day after Madame Soong died of leukaemia here at the age of 91, said "All of Comrade Soong Chingling's relatives and friends in Taiwan are welcomed to attend the memorial service," which is scheduled for next Wednesday.

"The funeral committee will bear all the expenses," the statement said.

Such a gesture by Peking had been widely expected following the death of Madame Soong, who was the only member of her famous nationalist family to throw in her lot with the Chinese com-

munists when they conquered the mainland in 1949.

After becoming critically ill in mid-May, Madame Soong was admitted to the Chinese Communist Party and appointed to the unique post of honorary president of China as a reward for the great service she did to the communists by backing them.

Madame Soong's sister is the widow of nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek, whose son Chiang Chingkuo is the current Taiwanese president.

Madame Chiang, whose maiden name is Soong Meiling, lives near New York and thus technically is not eligible for the Chinese invitation which specified friends and relatives in Taiwan.

But western diplomats here said it would be a great propaganda coup for Peking if Madame Chiang and President Chiang Chingkuo, who is Chiang Kai-shek's son by a former marriage, came to China.

But they also noted that the nationalists have steadfastly rejected previous Chinese appeals for direct trade and communications links, refusing to have any dealings with the communists.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Jordan's first judo tournament

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today delegated Minister of Culture and Youth Mr. Ma'n Abu Nowar to open the first official judo tournament in Jordan which was held at the University of Jordan campus. Thirty two contestants of different weights competed in the events and the five winners received their prizes and trophies from Mr. Abu Nowar. The minister also presented four other trophies, which were gifts from Prince Hassan to the British supervisors who organised the events. The Jordanian Judo Federation announced after the tournament that the five winners will be sent to China for a one-month training period in preparation for the international judo tournament which will be held in Indonesia.

### Protest against New Zealand

SYDNEY, May 30 (R) — Officials of the Kuwait and Chinese Football Association (F.A.) said in a weekly soccer newspaper here that New Zealand should be banned from the World Cup if South Africa's rugby union tour went ahead. The tour of New Zealand starting in July prompted the comments by Sheikh Al-Zayad Al-Ahmad of the Kuwait FA and Lo Bi-Tang of the Chinese FA in Sydney's "Soccer World." Al-Zayad Al-Ahmad was quoted as saying in Udailyya, Kuwait, his country would consider lodging a protest to FIFA, soccer's world governing body, if the South African tour went ahead, and that FIFA should bar New Zealand. Committee member Lo Bi-Tang is quoted as saying in Peking that China would be unlikely to compete against New Zealand if they maintained sporting contacts with South Africa, and if the rugby tour went ahead they should suspend New Zealand. The "Soccer World" story also makes the point that FIFA President Joao Havelange came into power with strong support of African and Asian nations and supports Third World countries on such political issues.

### A day out on the Epsom downs

LONDON, May 30 (R) — Walter Swinburn, a fresh-faced 19-year-old, has a great chance next Wednesday of becoming one of the few teenagers to ride the winner of the Epsom Derby. Britain's most important horse race. Swinburn, who rode his first winner less than three years ago, is lucky enough to be on one of the hottest Derby favourites for years: the Aga Khan's Shergar. The colt won two pre-classic races this season by 12 lengths and 10 lengths, showing form which leaves that of his rivals far behind. A tremendous responsibility rests on the rider of a Derby favourite, for the difference between victory and defeat can mean millions of dollars in the value of a horse for breeding purposes. But Swinburn, son of successful Irish-based jockey Wally Swinburn, is a rider to bear the burden lightly, despite his youth. During his short career he has demonstrated talent and coolness far beyond his years. Nevertheless, it will be a testing experience for the young rider when he goes to the post on teaming Epsom Downs in the 201st Derby, a race which has become a British national festival. Up to half a million people are expected on the Downs for the annual Derby day outing, including about half the gypsy population of Britain. The wealthy and the not so well off, the old and the young, horse-racing buffs and those without an genuine interest all find an immense appeal in the unique carnival of Derby day. A giant fairground and sidestows of all sorts provide amusement for those to whom the racing is secondary. While racegoers in the grandstand regale themselves on smoked salmon, various fowls and champagne, stalls out on the downs do a roaring trade in jellied eels, the prime delicacy of the cockney (native Londoner).

It is an unlikely background for a horse race of such serious import. In just over 2½ minutes of racing action on the horseshoe-shaped, twisting and undulating course, the destination of more than a quarter of a million sterling in prize money and many more times that amount in bets will be decided, and the value of the winning horse will be elevated to something up to five million sterling for breeding purposes. Derby day acquired its extraordinary atmosphere quite early in the history of the great classic race. As far back as 1829, the times newspaper said: "The whole world was at Epsom yesterday." American novelist Henry James marvelled at "the gross plebeian jollity" of the occasion, adding that the "finer vibrations" lay in having a bet on the race. About half the adult population of Britain feel finer vibrations on this annual occasion. The Derby is one of two races, the other being the Grand National steeplechase, on which everyone has the urge to place a wager. And during the running of the historic race the attention of millions is focused on the downs as they watch the race on television. The race is named after Edward Smith Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby, who won the toss of a coin with Sir Charles Bunbury to decide which of their names the new race should bear. It was just another loser for Sir Charles, whose love affair with racing led to his wife leaving him. The race was small beer at first. Diomed, the inaugural winner, was sold to the United States for £52.5, which would not buy a hair from the tail of next Wednesday's victor. But soon Derby day was adopted as an annual day out by Londoners of all sorts and conditions and by early 19th century it had taken off. Even artists came under its spell, and Derby day scenes have been the inspiration for thousands of paintings. Nowadays the crowds may not be as mixed as they once were, when aristocrats rubbed shoulders with cutpurses and rogues of all kinds seeking to prey on those simple enough to fall for their wiles. But it remains the world's most colourful racing occasion.

### Wales and Russia drop a point each

WREXHAM, Wales, May 30 (R) — The Soviet Union held group leaders Wales to a goalless draw in a World Soccer Cup qualifying match today in which each team dropped its first point in the competition. The Welsh, who dominated the first half but later faded, have not conceded a goal in five group three matches. The qualifying places are being contested by the Welsh, the Russians and the Czechoslovaks, who remain a point ahead of the Soviet team but have played an extra game. The Russians squandered an early chance when David Kipiani shot high, and at the opposite end Terry Yorath, recalled from North American soccer, headed narrowly over the bar. Teammate Joey Jones put a header over goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev but on to the roof of the Soviet net. Defence in numbers carried the visitors through the first half but later they attacked with skill and variety. Wales lead group three with 9 points, followed by Czechoslovakia 6, Soviet Union 5, Iceland 2 and Turkey no points.

### French Open briefs

PARIS, May 30 (A.P.) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg, seeking the men's title for the sixth straight time, qualified for the quarter finals by defeating Paul Antoine Torre of France 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 today at the French Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, Chris Evert Lloyd favourite to retain the women's crown downed Eva Pfaff of Germany 6-3, 6-1 and moved into the last 16. Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, the No. 6 seed, demolished countryman Ricardo Cano 6-1, 6-1, 6-0, and 14-year-old Kathy Rinaldi upset No. 8 seed Dianne Fromholz 6-3, 7-5. The 24-year-old Australian left-hander was the first woman's seed to be eliminated. American Gene Mayer, the No. 4 seed, suffered a recurrence of a wrist injury and retired from his match with Victor Pecci of Paraguay. Pecci was leading 6-4, 2-1 and moved into the last 16. Jimmy Connors advanced to the third round of the men's competition yesterday against Francois Caujolle of France who he encountered last year in one of the most astounding comebacks in the 90-year history of the clay court tournament. No. 3 seed John McEnroe of the United States turned back Chile's Jaime Fillol 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 yesterday, the first day without a rain interruption since the tournament began Monday.

# IRA says nine inmates will contest Irish elections

BELFAST, May 30 (A.P.) — Rioters hurled stones and petrol bombs in Londonderry early today and Britain's top minister in Northern Ireland slapped a ban on scheduled marches by Roman Catholics and Protestants.

British troops and local police fired plastic bullets to quell the disturbance in the predominantly Roman Catholic Bogside area of Londonderry, the province's second-largest city, a police spokesman said.

No group claimed responsibility for planting the bomb, which observers said was an apparent warning to Mr. Haughey from Republican extremists over his alleged inactivity over the Maze hunger-strike.

The IRA earlier claimed to have staged a series of disruptions Thursday night during campaign appearances by Mr. Haughey in which he was struck by an egg and jostled.

Officials said new security measures for Mr. Haughey would include rigorous checks of all buildings he was likely to use.

was tightened even further today following discovery of an unexploded bomb at one of his campaign offices. The device was found in his Finna Fail Party's headquarters in the border town of Castleblaney shortly before the prime minister's arrival.

Christian Democrats throw in their lot with Forlani

ROME, May 30 (R) — Christian Democratic leaders today pledged support for Prime Minister-designate Arnaldo Forlani, faced with the task of forming a new coalition government after a scandal over a secret Masonic lodge.

Mr. Forlani consulted parliamentary leaders of his party about the strategy he will pursue when he begins delicate negotiations on Monday aimed at putting together a new administration.

The parliamentary leaders urged positive action to get to the roots of the "P2" scandal, which brought down Mr. Forlani's four-party coalition last week.

"The party leaders confirmed their full solidarity with Mr. Forlani for a strong, popular initiative which, together with the Socialist and lay Democratic parties, would allow the major political and economic problems to be faced, and in particular hitting certain secret influences, terrorism and all forms of criminality," deputy Gerardo Bianco said after the meeting.

Political analysts said Mr. Forlani will try to form a coalition similar to the last one, which linked his party with the Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans, possibly enlarging it to include the Liberals.

Liberal leader Valerio Zanone confirmed his willingness to join a new government at his party's national congress today.

"We have conditions to propose to the prime minister-designate and we are offering our collaboration. Our line is for a five-party coalition which would have a constructive relationship with the opposition," he said.

The Socialists, however, whose supports is vital to any coalition not involving the opposition Communists, say they want a complete change of direction and will not be content with minor ministerial posts.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. Air Force Titan officer charged

WASHINGTON, May 30 (A.P.) — A U.S. Air Force missile launch officer has been charged with "visiting the Soviet embassy in Washington on more than one occasion" without telling his superiors, the Pentagon said yesterday. Second Lt. Christopher M. Cook, 25, Richmond, Virginia, is "in pre-trial confinement" at McConnell Air Force Base near Wichita, Kansas, the Pentagon said. Lt. Cook was described as a missile launch officer for the Titan, biggest of the U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles. There are 17 such missiles at McConnell, where officials said Lt. Cook had been stationed since June of last year. Lt. Cook was charged with "violating air force regulations which require reporting all contacts with representatives of a communist country," the Pentagon said. The case has also been referred to the Justice Department for possible prosecution for other alleged offences.

### 12 rescued, 9 dead after 2 months at sea

HONOLULU, May 30 (A.P.) — Twelve people were rescued from a small, overcrowded cabin cruiser that had been drifting helplessly in the Pacific Ocean for more than two months, the coast guard said. Nine other people are believed to have died during the journey. The unnamed 6-metre vessel was on a short inter-island journey in the Gilbert Islands when it disappeared March 26, coast guard spokesman Keith Spangler said. The survivors were spotted by the helicopter of a large U.S. tuna fishing boat 1100 kilometres southeast of Guam, Mr. Spangler said. That would put the ship more than 2080 kilometres west of Tarawa, its original destination, he said. "They were just expecting a two-hour trip," Mr. Spangler said. "It was really tightly packed." He said officials learned of the deaths when the survivors were picked up yesterday afternoon. Many of the survivors were dehydrated, but there was no other word on their condition. He added it was not clear whether the nine dead people remained on the ship or had been huried at sea.

### Rhodesian colonel to head S.A. army

JOHANNESBURG, May 30 (A.P.) — The former commander of Rhodesia's elite anti-black nationalist guerrilla unit has been appointed acting commander of the army of the South African black homeland of the Transkei, the Rand Daily Mail reported. The Mail said Col. Ron Reid-Daly, who formerly headed Rhodesia's Selous Scouts, was not available for comment. But Transkei Prime Minister George Matanzima confirmed the appointment, the paper said.

# Hanoi puppet or Kampuchea strongman?

PHNOM PENH: Pen Sovann, a shadowy veteran of revolution with solid pro-Vietnamese credentials, is expected to emerge as Kampuchea's strongman when the Phnom Penh regime unveils a new government set-up and a Communist Party over the next few months.

Government officials say Pen Sovann, 45, who took up arms at the age of 14 to fight the French colonialists, holds the key to power as head of the still-secret Communist Party. He is also widely believed to be the most likely candidate for the presidency of the state council, a new position which carries with it the command of the armed forces.

This triple role in the party, the military and state machinery would place Pen Sovann high above a motley leadership group which owes its position and power to Vietnamese forces which toppled the Pol Pot regime in early 1979.

This group includes pro-Hanoi communists like Pen Sovann — Pol Pot followers like Heng Samrin who defected not long before the Vietnamese invasion, and, at the lower levels, those who served in the U.S.-backed government of Lon Nol which fell to Pol Pot's army in 1975.

The few non-communists who have met Pen Sovann say he appears uncomfortable in dealing with foreigners but exhibits considerably more intelligence and

grasp of issues than Heng Samrin who has been generally described as "very unimpressive." Western Indochina watchers also note that he is probably more trusted by the Vietnamese and less tainted by association with the Pol Pot than men like Heng Samrin who only defected to the anti-Pol Pot forces in May, 1978.

Although Pen Sovann has held power for 28 months and stood as a candidate in general elections held here May 1, the thin, bespectacled leader is little known among the general population and the regime has made no attempts to fill in the large gaps in his official biography.

Asked basic questions about Pen Sovann by reporters on election day, one voter apologised for his ignorance and another hurried over to consult an 11-line Pen Sovann life story displayed at all Phnom Penh's polling booths.

The official biography says he was born in 1936 of poor peasants in the southeastern province of Takeo. "Fred by the revolutionary ideal" at age 14, he fought courageously in the southwestern region against the French, the bio-

graphy says. Although the biography is almost silent about the 1954 to 1970 period, it is almost certain that Pen Sovann was among those Kampuchean selected to receive military and political training in communist North Vietnam. Like others in the current Phnom Penh regime, Pen Sovann is fluent in Vietnamese and is believed to have a Vietnamese wife, things cited by many Kampuchean, especially refugees, as proof that the Phnom Penh regime is Hanoi's "puppet."

The biography says only that he studied at a "higher military college," served as an assistant division commander in the war against U.S.-backed governments in Indochina and worked in Hanoi 1970-73 for the radio of the National United Front of Kampuchea, who fought against Lon Nol and included not only the Pol Pot side but onetime Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Pol Pot's faction carried out ruthless purges of its own ranks even as the war against Lon Nol raged. Pen Sovann, according to the biography, split from Pol Pot in 1973 "to follow the true revolutionary road." In a 1979 speech Pen Sovann described Pol Pot's terror tactics in gruesome detail and said he personally had "suffered a lot."

On Jan. 8, 1979, a day after Vietnamese forces took Phnom Penh, Pen Sovann was elected vice president of the People's Rev-

olutionary Council, charged with heading up national defence.

The council and the National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea is to be replaced within the next two months by National Assembly, a Council of State and a Council of Ministers. A constitution to be adopted by the assembly spells out that the Communist Party, as in other communist countries, will be the main

political force.

The Phnom Penh regime hopes to both consolidate its power internally and to legitimise itself before an international community which still recognises the Pol Pot regime in the United Nations.

Also expected to rise in the power hierarchy are others in the current government with long-standing ties with the Vietnamese. These include Bou Thang, who

has been in charge of political education. Say Phou Thang, president of the central organising committee and possibly a key go-between for Vietnamese advisors and Yos Por, the secretary-general of the National United Front.

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Will a change of leadership benefit Kampuchea? (Gamma photo)